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CH'EN IS LIKELY SUCCESSOR TO CHIANG'S COMMAND

There is much evidence that through more than 20 years of close association in the Huang-p'u Military Academy, in the anti-Communist campaigns of the 1930's, in other field commands, and the Ministry of National Defense, President Criang has held Gen Ch'en Ch'eng (Ueda 12864, 11018) in high esteem and has seemed to has held Gen Ch'en Ch'eng (Geda 12864, 11016) in high esteem and has seemed to treat him as his understudy to whom he could eventually turn over his heavy military responsibilities. Ch'en is about the only man who can talk freely with Chiang, differ with him and get away with it. There have been numerous occasions, when after earnest debate, Chiang has yielded and accepted Ch'en's views. Ch'en has predominant influence among 80 percent of the Army and all of the Navy and Air Force, and has great weight in political and party administration. People in the know have no doubt that he is Chiang's most trusted man.

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